

Feb 4th Dear Mrs. Chapman, I have just been reading the last Liberator, how rich it is. I enclose an additional line, just to beg & entreat that in the proposed serials of one hundred conventions poor Springfield may not be overlooked & passed by. I know it is almost a hopeless task to do any thing but the best of the few devoted friends of "old organization" need cheering the more because they are very few. all I can do, as my mother, is cheerfully promised a home for the Lecturers while here, a place to lecture in, & every effort to obtain an audience you may be sure of, whether any will come to hear is more than we can tell. A Mr. Harris, calling himself a "radical" lecturer, in reality a non-resistant abolitionist, ~~so~~ Christian & a Garrisonite I was about to say, but we only suspected the latter, because he abhored in respectful terms to W.L.G. in has been here lecturing on practical Christianity, freedom, truth the coming of Christ &c - my heart for one has been much gladdened by it, but I have learned to look with suspicion on all talkers, till I hear & see their doings. There is also a colored woman as touring the Springfielders, who can neither read or write, but the spirit has taught her, she will I expect go to Northampton asso. next week. A few evenings since I went to a Wesleyan class meeting, there were five or six colored persons present who spoke, & also a reformed drunkard, who were in all respects treated the same as any other persons. I do not think it was any great thing that it should be so, but that it is a disgrace to humanity that such things should be

so rare, as to be thought worth speaking of,
but you know they are rare, & therefore I will
give to those who see them all the credit
I can - Also at a dinner party recently
given to the Episcopalian minister, a res-
pectable colored man was admitted & treated
with the same attention as the rest of the
company. So you see the few workers
here, are doing something indeed any thing they
can do in so small a way as not to
attract the attention of Dr. Osgood may
succeed. I do admire the protest against
the N. Y. constitution. & the petition respecting
Capital punishment, I could almost sign such
a petition as that -
once more I say do not let it slip
be passed by in your conventions.

Yours truly
Wm. Stearns.

A. S.
I often think of that pleasant call
at your house last spring, & also
at the A. S. office in consequence
of your order for "B. Haven's emancipation".
The books have been circulated faithfully
with what success can only be known
at the judgment, those sweet talks were
so refreshing & strengthening to one who places
on almost alone. I do not think I ever should
have got courage to come out of the church, without this

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